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Losing a wallet can be a disconcerting experience.

Losing a wallet and having someone call and say they'd found it before a person was even aware they'd lost it is a rarity.

That's what happened to Robert Crooks, military and civilian retiree last Thursday. He and his wife returned from the commissary and got a phone call from a commissary representative telling Crooks that his wallet had been

found. He went back and retrieved his wallet. Everything was still in it.

Crooks thanks everyone who had a role in getting the wallet back into his pocket. He especially wants to thank Fred Collier, cashier, who gave the wallet back.

"I really appreciate living in a community where such things happen," Collier said. "I could have gotten back an empty wallet - or nothing."

This isn't the first pleasant encounter

Crooks had with Collier. Crooks described two other experiences where he'd gone to the commissary without his wife and came up a few dollars short at the cash register. Crooks said Collier dug into his own pocket to make up the difference.

"I always wait for Fred when I go to the commissary," Crooks said. "He's a wonderful person."

People like Collier are what make the Fort Huachuca community a special place to live and work. Thanks, Fred, and thanks to everyone who, in some manner, goes out of their way to help others here.

New editor at Helm of "Scout"-

Joan Vasey, Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, is the new editor of the Fort Huachuca "Scout."

"I'm excited about my new role in Public Affairs," Vasey said. "I look forward to helping continue to shape the "Scout" to meet the ever-changing needs of the Fort Huachuca community, to keep it a useful and sought-after product that people look forward to reading each week."

Vasey encourages people to call her or to visit the Public Affairs Office with ideas for articles, or with news of their upcoming events. She encourages those who'd like to try their hand at writing articles or taking photos for consideration to come forward.

"Different writers bring new perspective and fresh style to a publication," Vasey said. "We'll be glad

to work with writers of all experience levels."

Those who know anyone who has unusual hobbies or achieved significant accomplishments in some area of their life are also encouraged to call the "Scout" along with those who have interesting or unusual jobs, or something special happening in their unit or workplace.

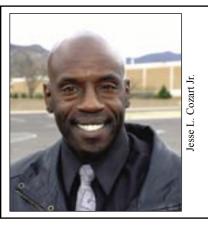
"If you think it's newsworthy, it

probably is," Vasey said. "We encourage you to call us. We want input from those who read our paper."

To contact the "Scout," call 533-1987. Or, send e-mail to the "Scout" at thescout@hua.army.mil.

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"Neither. I am an American and I believe we need to do away with titles. I have only encountered names for people of color in the U.S."

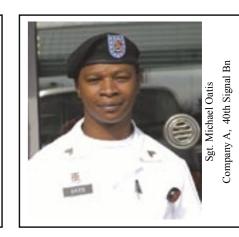


"I prefer to be called Andrew. I am one of the Buffalo Soldiers. I respect the man upstairs."



HHC 11th Signal

"It doesn't matter to me if I am called African-American or black. I'm half Cherokee Indian."



"It really doesn't matter. I prefer to be called African-American, because it sounds professional."

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Family's household goods damaged in fire

Fort Huachuca responds with post-wide effort to help Spouses Club his praise as well. Target

By Rob Martinez

Scout Staff

Embarking on a permanent change of station is quite taxing; there's a load of paper work, packing, organizing for the move, farewells to friends and the excitement and stress that comes with the anticipation of creating a new home and starting a new job. Add to this the loss of one's belongings, and it's a recipe for stress and heartache.

Staff. Sgt. Mathew Henderson and his family had such a tragedy. But what started out as a tragic event turned into an opportunity to reveal the caring and generosity of Fort Huachuca and the surrounding communities.

The Henderson family arrived Jan. 11 and had only been here for four days awaiting the arrival of their household goods, when they received word that the truck holding their property caught on fire. A significant portion of their belongings were destroyed or rendered unusable, mostly furniture, momentos and the children's Christmas gifts that Henderson had made for them himself.

What little that could be recovered, the moving company brought to their home in Sierra Vista.

"It was already bad enough trying to get a house," Henderson said. "Once we heard about our goods getting torched, my wife was pretty upset. I was a little upset but I wasn't really thrown, mostly because I have a tendency to minimize things that disturb me."

The Hendersons were hoping there wouldn't be too much damage, because they were informed that only certain boxes were burned, but not to what extent. "Once we found out it was all of our stuff, we were pretty bummed," he said.

They salvaged as much as they could. Much of their furniture was hand made.

"We got lucky. Our furniture was gotten from really good people in the past. A lot of the stuff I made myself, and all the children's Christmas presents that were destroyed."

Logan, who is 10, was only mildly upset, Henderson said. For Christmas, Henderson had made a teepee for fouryear-old Ethan, and a gun rack for 'light sabers' for two-year-old Dylan. They were a 'little bit bummed," Henderson said, when they found out about the dam-

After Henderson informed his unit, Lt. Col Thomas Miller, commander of the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, told him that he had sent out an e-mail to the entire installation asking for help. Two days later, someone bought a living room set, and bedroom sets for all their

"The first day, the amount of donations staggered me!" Miller said. "All major elements on post helped. It was

awe inspiring. It happened in four days."

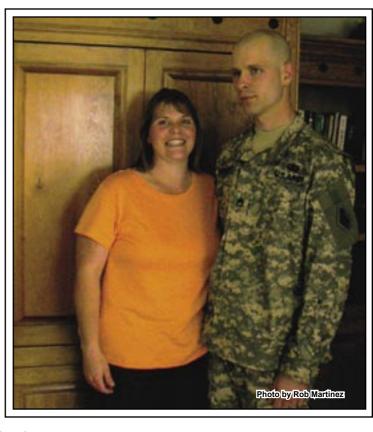
Miller said that he was amazed and proud of the "true heroes" all around the community. He said he could not even know about all those who helped, because there were so many. He thanked everyone. He said Pam Allen from Army Community Services brought items from the lending locker. He mentioned that Col. Doug Kinder, post

chaplain, and Jim Chambers,

deputy garrison commander, were instrumental in getting the message across post. He gave The Fort Huachuca Community

and Wal-Mart, as well as individual donors, gave the family gift cards, he said.

Heather, Henderson's wife, said that help came in non-stop. "We have stuff that's twice as good as we had before,"



she said. The help was greatly appreciated, and the Hendersons under-

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AAFES Hazardous recall notice

Scout reports

AAFES recently announced the worldwide recall of the Omron 3 Way Instant Thermometer, Models MC-600 and MC-600CAN.

In cooperation with the Food & Drug Administration, Omron Healthcare Inc, of Bannockburn, IL is voluntarily recalling certain lot codes of thermometers.

Certain thermometers may develop tip overheating during use. The thermometer has a tip that preheats when the user gets ready to take a temperature. This allows the thermometer to warm close to body temperature enabling the thermometer to take a

temperature reading quickly. The supplier found that this heating function could malfunction and heat the tip to a temperature higher than expected. If this happens and the thermometer remains in contact with the skin, it could result in discomfort and, potentially, a minor burn on the user

The recall involves Omron® 3-Way Instant Thermometers with lot numbers beginning with the following numbers: 01-32, 01-36, 01-37, and 01-38. The lot numbers can be located on the back wall of the battery compartment.

AAFES sold these thermometers between September 19, 2001 and October 21,

Customers should call **Omron Customer Service** at 800-634-4350 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm central time, Monday-Friday. Customers may also visit Omron's Web site at www.omronhealthcare. com to access a Customer Service Feedback form for returning the unit for a re-

Child Passenger Safety Week promotes use of car seats

Army News Service and Scout Reports

The Army is joining with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration this year to promote Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 12-18.

The primary goal is to remind all parents and other adults responsible for children traveling in motor vehicles to follow the NHTSA recommendation that children from about 4 to 8 years old and weighing 40 pounds or less need booster seats, unless they are at least four feet, nine inches tall.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for ages 3 through 33, with only an estimated 10 to 20 percent of children to 8 using booster seats, according to NHTSA. Children ages 4 to 8 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt.

Studies demonstrate a strong correlation

between drivers using safety belts and children being properly restrained. Ninety-two percent of children who were transported by belted drivers were restrained compared to only 62 percent of the children transported by unbelted

Use of child safety seats is required on DoD installations, and more and more states are passing laws requiring child restraints.

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Fort Huachuca hosts National Prayer Breakfast

Story and Photos by Esau Lolis

Scout Staff

"Adultery, fornication, wrath, envy, strife, murder and drunks -- pretty much sounds like the place where I used to work," a former Ohio representative said to nearly 375 people Feb. 8 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Bob McEwen's punch line got the desired laugh from the audience during the National Prayer Breakfast. Although the presentation was humorous, McEwen delivered a serious message about the importance of seeking guidance from God.

After an introduction by Maj. Gen. Barbara G. Fast, the guest speaker promised to be brief in his speech saying, "As Henry VIII said to his fifth wife, 'I will not keep you long'."

McEwen explained how American leaders have always looked to God for guidance. "Reflecting on God has always been a trait of those in leadership roles in the United States," he said.

McEwen pointed out that in our nation's earlier years, politicians prayed before making important decisions about national affairs. He explained how Benjamin Franklin called for a recess at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia so delegates could fast and pray for three days while seeking guidance from God. According to McEwen, since then, congressmen have been holding prayer sesloves you. He has a plan for your life."

Fast presented McEwen with a statue of a charging cavalryman. He graciously accepted the token of appreciation saying he was honored to be in a great place and Fort Huachuca was a true force multiplier.

Fast said it was a blessing to have McEwen as guest speaker. "He has spent a lot of time doing what I would call 'building bridges'; building bridges for us as Americans, building bridges for people of various parts of the world to be able to come together and to be able to really have a freedom of choice."

McEwen served in the U. S. Congress on the Select Committee on Intelligence which oversees national security and the House Committee on Rules which has jurisdiction over legislation in Congress.

Post Chaplain (Col.) Kinder, who selected McEwen as guest speaker, said he chose McEwen to speak because, "He's the best." He said he heard McEwen speak at another event and it was imperative that he invite him to speak at Fort

Huachuca.

The National Prayer Breakfast also featured a Prisoners of War and Missing In Action remembrance, music by the 36th Army Band Ouintet and musical selections by the Fort Huachuca Contemporary Praise and Worship Team.

Kinder commented about religious diversity during the breakfast. "This is an all inclusive event," he said. "We have included all major faith groups." Kinder pointed out that all prayers of different faiths were printed in the programs.

After a scripture

reading by Reverend Tommy Simpson, Pas-

tor of Kino Gospel Services,

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Zerger, 11th Signal Brigade, led everyone in a prayer for the nation.

The focus of the prayers was thanksgiving.

The 36th Army Band Brass Quintet played the National Anthem and was followed by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harry Rauch who presided over the remembrance of POWs and MIAs.

At a reserved table set for four on the stage, were four empty chairs. This place of honor was set for



Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast Presents Guest Speaker Bob McEwen with a commanding general's coin after presenting him with a statue of a charging cavalryman Feb. 8 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre during the National Prayer Breakfast.

the four branches of the Armed Forces; The Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force.

The honor guard slowly and solemnly marched into the room carrying four service caps. Glasses on the table were raised in an expression of honor and inverted recognizing the POWs and MIAs who were unable to drink. The empty chairs that circled the table were placed in a leaning position symbolizing the hopes that the missing men would return.

"Remember you who are new to our nation's armed forces that you are an important part of the team, and that team will never leave you behind," Rauch said during the ceremony. "May its light represent their presence in our midst and may its flames kindle our resolve to never forget," Rauch said as the honor guard lit a candle in the center of the table.

A 36th Army Band trumpeter played "Taps" as everyone stood until the honor guard marched from the stage.

When all were seated, the Fort Huachuca Contemporary Praise Team performed three musical selections. Tapping his foot on the up and down while playing the harmonica was Family Life Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas McFarland playing along with the Fort Huachuca Contemporary Praise Team. Youth Chaplain David Robson played the guitar and sang while being accompanied by a bass, drum and violin player.

The National Prayer Breakfast ended with a prayer by Chaplain (Maj.) O'Grady.

Fort Huachuca has celebrated National Prayer Breakfast since the 1970s. The first day of prayer was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775. The National Prayer Breakfast movement began in the U.S. during World War II, when small groups met for prayer and bible study in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.



The Fort Huachuca contemporary Praise Team gave a musical performance Feb.8 during the National Prayer Breakfast at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. Family Life Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas McFarland played the harmonica while tapping his feet in rhythm. Worship Leader, David Robson (right) sang vocals while playing the guitar. Dani Hendry (left) played the violin and drummer Jason Haze and bass player Joshua Richards kept the beat.

sions before making important decisions. He said this is important because, "There can be no success without God."

"You can't teach anyone who is full of themselves or think they know everything," he said. "We cannot learn until we have recognized a need for growth. There comes a time when we don't have an answer," McEwen said. "It is at that time we need to seek guidance from God."

In closing, McEwen said, "God knows you. He

RWBAHC celebrates Army Nurse Corps' 105th Army birthday

Story and photo by Esau Lolis

Scout staff

Fort Huachuca nurses gathered at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Feb. 2 in celebration of the 105th Army Nurse Corps birthday.

Deputy Commander for Health Services, Col. Teresa Parsons, spoke to fellow Army nurses and others in attendance.

As guest speaker, she outlined the Army Nurse Corps history while highlighting specific events throughout the timeline.

Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollack, made an appearance via television to celebrate and commend nurses on a job well done.

The conference room was decorated with early Nurse Corps uniforms from white pointed-collar dresses circa the 1920s to the olive drab greens from the early 60s. Each Army nurse in attendance received a decorated plaque marking the Corps' birthday.

Parsons said she has seen chang-

es in the Corps along with uniforms and standards, over the past 25 years.

"I have seen changes in opportunities," Parsons said in an enthusiastic tone. "Nurse Corps officers can now be commanders. They can be hospital commanders. They can be Assistant Surgeon Generals," she added.

Parsons drew a parallel between advancement in technology and the Nurse Corps saying "It's like trying to equate the transition people had in the 1920s when they went from car - to train - to plane - to flying on a spaceship," she said. "In 25 years, we made that type of technology leap. With nursing, it's not that different," she added.

At the close of the ceremony, Parsons and newcomer Capt. Catherine To used a sword to cut the Army Nurse Corps birthday cake symbolizing the future, the present and the past.

Army Nurse Corps tradition

calls for the unit's most senior and junior nurse officers to cut the cake together. Parsons filled the honor for RWBAHC Commander, Col. Susan Annicelli, who was away on

temporary duty.

Parsons said she sees a bright future for the Army Nurse Corps and it will continue to be successful.



Capt. Katrina Streeter examines an informational display Feb. 2 at Raymond W. Bliss Army Hospital during the Army Nurse Corp's 105th Birthday. The display featured nostalgic Army nurse equipment and uniforms from as early as the 1920s.



Brig. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett, NETCOM/9th ASC commanding general, presents Jeannie English, Enterprise Systems Technology Activity (ESTA), with the NETCOM/9th ASC Civilian of the Month award for January 2006. English received the award for her exceptional work and accomplishments as a management analyst for ESTA, responsible for processing personnel actions for everyone within the organization. Photo by NETCOM ASC Public Affairs

Preschool screening

The Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District will conduct a preschool screening on March 23 at 8 a.m. for 3-, 4-, and non-kindergarten 5-year-olds residing on Fort Huachuca.

The screening instruments the schools will use are designed to survey gross-and-fine-motor skills, communication skills, cognitive development and socioemotional development. Screeners will also test hearing and vision.

Through the screening process, the schools hope to identify children in need of any type of early childhood special education services. Those who suspect a disability in their preschool age child should call the FHAS Preschool at 459-2014.

Tax Quotes of the ages

Scout Reports

Taxes have been one of the most discussed topics through the ages. Just look in the ancient texts and you will find things have changed little since mankind formed the first governments. Here are some of the more interesting quotes passed down and collected by the IRS

"Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." — Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court Justice

"The power of taxing people and their property is essential to the very existence of government." — James Madison, U.S. president

"To tax and to please, no more than to love and to be wise, is not given to men." — Edmund Burke, 18th Century Irish political philosopher and British statesman

"I am proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is – I could be just as proud for half the money." — Arthur Godfrey, entertainer

"People who complain about taxes can be divided into two classes: men and women."

— Unknown

"No government can exist without taxation.

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The Fort Huachuca Tax Center is open

From now until April 15th, all servicemembers, dependents, retirees and eligible Army Reservists or National Guardsmen are eligible to come into the center and file their returns.

All necessary documentation is required, such as W2s, 1099s, Social Security cards for dependents, student loan information and tuition information. The hours of the center are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday the center is open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday sessions are slated for March 11 and April 15.

Most preparations are on an appointment basis. Walk-ins are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but appointments are recommended.

For information, or to make an appointment, please contact the Tax Center at 533-1040.

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Former POW waits 61 years to receive medals

Story and photos by Brandy Ruiz

Sout Staff

Ben Williams has waited a long time to receive his awards from serving in World War II. His dream finally came true Feb. 8.

The former New Mexico National Guardsman was presented with all his medals at a ceremony held especially for him at Landmark Café, a downtown restaurant. The Fort Huachuca commanding general, Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, presented him with his awards.

"We are so honored to be able to be here tonight for this occasion," said

Williams served his time in the Philippines. He was captured by the Japanese and was a survivor of the original Bataan Death

"The mental perseverance and tenacity Mr. Williams endured is remarkable," Fast said.

Because of a 1974 fire in St. Louis, Miss, that destroyed his records, Williams never received any of the campaign ribbons or awards owed him. Now, 61 years later, Williams can proudly wear his awards.

The mental perseverance and tenacity Mr. Williams endured is remarkable Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commander, USAIC & **Fort Huachuca**

For his time and service, Williams received the Bronze Star, the WWII Victory medal, the Prisoner of War medal, the Philippine Defense medal, the Philippine Liberation medal and a Presidential Unit Citation medal.

"We are also working on getting him his Purple

Heart," explained George Timmons, the Americanism Officer for the Arizona Military Order of the Purple Heart. The injuries he sustained from treatment by the guards qualify him for at least one Purple Heart.

Not only was Williams a brave soldier, but he also lived the values he learned. "We were taught on a daily basis about patriotism and sacrifice," explained Jerry Williams, Williams' son, during a heartfelt tribute to his father.

Williams has touched the lives of many, from his children to Timmons, from Fast to those in attendance at the presentation ceremony. All involved agree it was about time Williams received the awards owed

"It's a justice we owed him," said Timmons. "I would've gone to hell, if necessary, to get justice for Ben.'



Ben Williams sits while Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, left, prepares to present him with a commander's coin.



Sgt. 1st Class Keith Tiner, Co. E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, the January volunteer of the month, receives a Merit Award from Col. Jonathan Hunter, Fort Huachuca garrison commander Tuesday at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. Tiner volunteers for Youth Services as a soccer coach for an under-8 youth squad named the Tigers.

Tiner was recognized for his ability to teach the children teamwork and sportsmanship.

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stand the source. Henderson said, "I consider myself a very strong religious, believing person.

"I believe that when you give, you receive more than you can handle. This is definitely a vouch for it, because we've got so much stuff we don't know what to do with it. He went on to say that his 1st Sgt. told him that, "Whenever someone else needs help, don't forget what happened to you."

It's not likely that the Henderson family will forget. At first, Henderson wasn't too thrilled about being stationed at Fort Huachuca.

"Now they've got me working in the company. It's really fun. It's really a neat place. My first impression was definitely, definitely, inaccurate about Fort Huachuca."

Considering what Henderson and his fam-

ily had experienced, his commander asked if he wanted to start class later so he could get things settled. He will start military interrogation training in two weeks.

Henderson had just finished 36 weeks of Arabic language training at the Defense Language Institute. Previous to that, he was a cook stationed at Fort Bragg. So far, he plans on making the military his career.

The Hendersons thank you

I would personally like to thank all those personnel that helped me and my family recover so quickly from our recent loss. The sheer volume alone is overwhelming; the speed in which everyone reacted is enough to put any light infantry

regiment to shame. Although I cannot personally thank each one of you, I am more than certain that your selfless acts of generosity and giving will be multiplied and returned in time especially those who gave more than what they had to spare. Regardless of whom you are or where

you are from, you are all my brothers and sisters and I will always remember Fort Huachuca, its people and what it means when the Army, as well as Christians, take care of one another.

Sincerely, Staff Sgt. Henderson & Family

Soldier of the Year follows in mother's bootprints

Photo and story by Brandy Ruiz

Scout Staff

Spec. Loni Duenas-Showers, HHC United States Army Garrison, can be considered a lot of things. Above all else, though, she is one determined soldier.

She seems to take after her mother.

Showers and her mother, Victoria Showers, have both earned the honor of being chosen as Fort Huachuca Soldiers of the Year. Showers received it for 2005. Her mother received the honor in 1990.

"Our whole family is competitive," Showers said as she explained the dynamics and the discipline in her family.

Her childhood was spent in a very disciplined household. Her parents always wanted the best for their kids, so they kept them busy with every opportunity possible. Her father, a prior-service Soldier, and her mother, a retired sergeant first class, kept

their kids especially active in karate and dancing. The dancing is something she still enjoys doing.

"I love dancing, any dancing," she explained. Showers has even taught dancing here in Sierra Vista, both at Alma Dolores International Dance Studio and for Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Showers, an air-traffic controller for Libby Army Airfield, began her quest for SOY by going to a Soldier of the month board. When she didn't get selected initially, she just kept trying.

"I love to prove people wrong," she said.

Three SOM boards and two Soldier of the Quarter boards later, and Showers was in the running for the post SOY.

"It was just more studying and carrying

around flash cards. By the time you get to the Soldier of the Year board, you pretty much have all the knowledge you need. It's already in there," she explained.

She credits her success with watching her coworkers. She explains that any time her friends

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> or colleagues achieves something, she wants to achieve it

"I'm just a little competitive," she said smiling.

Now that she's won the Soldier of the Year honor, her mother is already pushing her to go to the Sgt. Audie Murphy board and the Sgt. Morales board. She's even facing the possibility of starting over in her SOY quest, as she's moving to Germany this week.

"I don't mind starting over," said Showers. "If it's out there, I'm going to try to get it."



Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast presents Soldier of the Year to Spec. Loni Duenas-Showers, an air-traffic controller for Libby Army Airfield.

Range Closures

Today – AC, AD, AF, AW Friday – AC, AD Saturday – AC, AD, T1, T1A, T2 Sunday - AC, AD Monday AC, AD

Tuesday- AC, AD, AL, AR, T1, Wednesday - AC, AD, AG, AL, AR,

Contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

Germany orientation

AW, T1, T1A, T2

Army Community Service will offer a Germany orientation for Soldiers and family members going to Germany for the first time at the following times and dates: 1:30 p.m., Feb. 23; and 6 p.m., Feb. 28, at the ACS Building 50010.

The class is free, but registration is required by calling ACS at 533-2330 or 533-6874.

Korea orientation

Army Community Service is offering a Korea orientation at 6 p.m. Feb. 23, in the ACS Building 50010 for Soldiers and family members going to Korea for the first time.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Relocation workshops

Army Community Service is offering a relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move at 6 p.m., Feb. 22., at ACS, Building 50010. Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Smooth Move for Kids

Army Community Service will offer the "Smooth Move for Kids" workshop at 8:30 a.m., Friday at the ACS Building 50010.

The workshop is designed to help ease the anxiety for children and make moving easier for everyone.

The class is free, but please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Financial readiness classes

Army Community Service holds financial readiness classes on a monthly basis: checkbook management, 9 -11:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of the month at the ACS Building 50010; budget planning class, 9 - 11:30 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month, at the ACS Building 50010; and financial readiness training, 1 - 5 p.m., the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

Register by calling ACS, 533-2330, or for more information, call Leigh Henderson at 533-2437.

Buffalo Soldier Trail repairs underway

The southeast bound lanes of Buffalo Soldier Trail are reduced to one lane of traffic between Seventh Street and St. Andrews Drive through March 10. Road repairs will be underway to address pavement rutting and cracking... Those who regularly travel this section of BST should use an alternate route until construction is complete. Drivers who travel on BST should use caution and obey all traffic control officers and

For more information, contact Angela Dixon Maher at the Sierra Vista Public Works Department at 458-5775.

Volunteer Management Training

The Army Volunteer Coordinator will offer Volunteer Management Information Systems Training at 2 p.m., Feb. 28, and again at 3 p.m., March 1, at the Army Community Service Building 50010. The training is designed for volunteer coordinators who need to learn the new on-line volunteer hours record keeping system.

For more information or to register, call ACS at 533-2330.

Family child care training

Earn an income from home. The Fort Huachuca Family Child Care program is looking for individuals who want to earn an income, raise their children at home and make a difference in another child's life. The next training begins on March 6. The deadline to sign up is March 3. For more information on

how to become an FCC Provider, call 533-2498.

Reminder: Fort Huachuca housing residents may only provide child care in their quarters after gaining approval from the garrison commander and the commander's agent, the Fort Huachuca Family Child Care office.

Job Match Day seeks sponsors

Army School Liaison Services seeks sponsors who will welcome eighth graders into their workplace for a few hours on May 4 for Job Match

Employer participation affords students the opportunity to match their interests with a career that interest them. Job Match Day has the potential to affect youth for the rest of their lives.

For more information contact Angie Babcock at 533-8346.

Prescribed burn scheduled near Aerostat Site today

A prescribed burn is planned for 150 acres in Area Yankee bordering the south and east sides of the Aerostat Site on Fort Huachuca starting 8 a.m. today, weather conditions permitting. The prescribed burn is being conducted with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service to reduce fuel loads and improve watershed conditions, thereby supporting military training in the area.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m. Episcopal Main Post 9:20 a.m. Gospel Kino Chapel 9:30 a.m. Protestant Prosser Village Cross Roads Cochise Theater 11 a.m. 11 a.m. Collective Main Post 3:30 p.m. **ALPHA** Prosser Village Roman Catholic Worship Mon.-Fri 11:30 a.m Main Post Saturday 4 p.m. Main Post Confession Saturday Main Post Mass 9:30 a.m. Main Post Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Kino Chapel Sunday Mass Jewish Worship Friday 7 p.m. Main Post

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	Main Post Chapel						
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	Adult	Sunday	10:45 a.m.				
	Apologetics						
	Adoration of the	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.				
	Sacrament Blessed						
	Korean OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.				
	MCCW	1st Friday	9 a.m.				
Pro	Protestant						
	Main Post Chapel						
	PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.				
	Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.				
	Kino Chapel						
	Women's Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.				
	Bible Study Fellowship						
	Adult/Youth	Sunday	8 a.m.				
	Sunday School	Sunday School					
	Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5	th Sunday				

Men's Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.				
Rehearsal						
Women's Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.				
Rehearsal						
Adult Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.				
Youth Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.				
Sanctuary Choir	Thursday	7 p.m.				
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Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.				
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m				
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& Parents Meeting						
Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m				
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Tuesday	6:30 p.m	Prosser Village						
Orthodox Divine	Liturgy							
Sunday	10 a.m	Main Post						
Latter Day Saints Service								
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From CAR SEATS, Page A3 -

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center issues car seats, when available, to families who need them.

"We expect another shipment of car seats tomorrow," said Jeanne Warren, secretary, Preventative Medicine. "Seats will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis,

following a 30-minute orientation."

Those who wish to obtain a car seat need to make an appointment, according to Warren. In addition to completing a short survey, families will be shown how to correctly install and use the car seats.

For information about the RWBAHC car seat pro-

gram, call 533-3536 or 533-5668.

For information on Arizona requirements, visit <u>www.saferoads.org</u>, and for more information about Child Passenger Safety Week and the proper use of booster seats, visit <u>www.boosterseat.gov.</u>

From QUOTES, Page A8 -

This money must necessarily be levied on the people; and the grand art consists of levying so as not to oppress." — Frederick the Great, 18th Century Prussian king

"Like mothers, taxes are often misunderstood, but seldom forgotten." — Lord Bramwell, 19th Century English jurist

"The best measure of a man's honesty isn't his income tax return. It's the zero adjust on his bathroom scale." — Arthur C. Clarke, author

"Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund." — F. J. Raymond, humorist

A tax loophole is "something that benefits the other guy. If it benefits you, it is tax reform." — Russell B. Long, U.S. Senator "Few of us ever test our powers of deduction, except when filling out an income tax form." — Laurence J. Peter, author

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax." — Albert Einstein, physicist

"Taxation with representation ain't so hot either." — Gerald Barzan, humorist

"Where there is an income tax, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income." — Plato

"Income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf." — Will Rogers, humorist

Fort Huachuca Technology Expo happens Tuesday

The Fort Huachuca Technology Expo takes place Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. More than 60 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in emerging technology. All Fort Huachuca personnel are invited to attend this free event. There will be complimentary refreshments and giveaways while supplies last. Finger foods will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Training and Doctrine Command Accreditation Team

Maj. Tim Kreuttner, a quality control assurance officer with the Center for Army Leadership, takes notes during a brown bag lunch session with students from the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course. Kreuttner was here last week as part of the Training and Doctrine Command accreditation team visit.

All TRADOC schools will undergo this accreditation process, with the teams focusing on three primary areas: conduct of training, training support and Military Intelligence proponency. If the visit is successful, the United States Army Intelligence Center will become the 14th accredited TRADOC school.

Photo by Brandy Ruiz

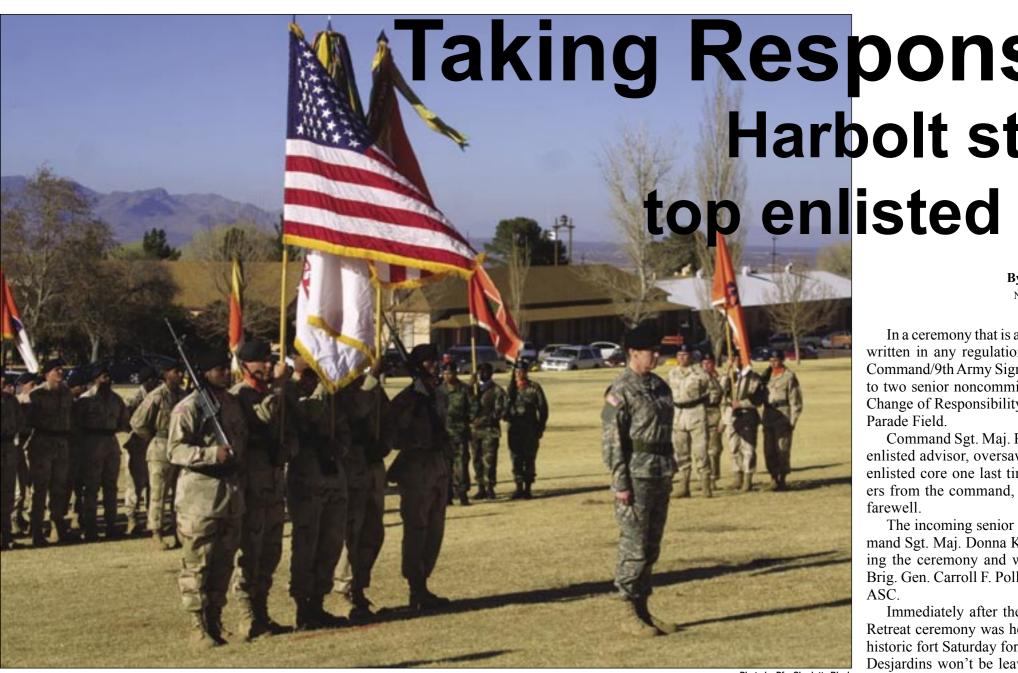


Photo by Pfc. Charlotte Black

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The incoming senior mand Sgt. Maj. Donna K ing the ceremony and v Brig. Gen. Carroll F. Poll ASC.

Immediately after the Retreat ceremony was he historic fort Saturday for Desjardins won't be lear

ABOVE: Command Sgt. Maj. Donna K. Harbolt stands in front of the NETCOM/9th ASC Colors and units after taking responsibilty for them. RIGHT: Old Glory is lowered during the Retreat Ceremony. FAR RIGHT: Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, NETCOM/9th ASC commander, bids farewell and thanks Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald J. Desjardins for the mentorship he has shown NETCOM/9th ASC Soldiers.





sibility eps into position

Gordon Van Vleet IETCOM/9th ASC PAO

time-honored military tradition, but isn't ns, the Network Enterprise Technology nal Command said goodbye and welcome ssioned officers as the command held a and Retreat ceremony Friday at Brown

Ronald J. Desjardins, the outgoing senior w the actions of the NETCOM/9th ASC ne during the ceremony, while onlookthe post, and the local community said

enlisted advisor for the command, Com-. Harbolt took control of the troops durvas welcomed by her new commander, ett, commanding general, NETCOM/9th

e Change of Responsibility ceremony, a eld in honor of Desjardins, who left this his new assignment in Washington D.C. ving NETCOM/9th ASC completely, as

> he will become the first senior enlisted advisor for the Army's Chief



Information Officer/G-6, the organization that oversees NETCOM/9th ASC's operations. His presence in Washington will require him to look after the well-being of the enlisted corps (active duty and Reserves) for the entire Army signal community, including NETCOM/9th

Harbolt won't have to go through the usually break in time working for a new boss in a different command because she worked for Pollett before as his senior enlisted advisor while he was commanding general for the 5th Signal Command, in Mannheim, Germany.

As the late-afternoon shadows steadily advanced across the parade field, Pollett summed up both senior enlisted advisors best when he said "Desjardins will always be remembered for his caring for the Soldier," and "Harbolt is the right command sergeant major for the job and the signal community."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Troth



TOP: NETCOM/9th ASC units are formed up on Brown Parade Field for the Change of Responsibility ceremony. ABOVE: Command Sgt. Maj Donna K. Harbolt speaks to her new Soldiers after becoming the NETCOM/9th ASC senior enlisted advisor. LEFT: B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) charges across the field to conclude the ceremony.



Service News





Ultimate sacrafice paid in support of OIF

Petty Officer 3rd Class Nicholas Wilson, 25, of Newark Valley, N.Y., died Sunday as a result of an improvised explosive device in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Three, based in San Diego, Calif.

Pfc. Javier Chavez Jr., 19, of Cutler, Calif., died Feb. 9 from wounds received as a result of an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations near Fallujah, Iraq.

Cpl. Ross A. Smith, 21, of Wyoming, Mich., died Feb. 9 from an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces near Fallujah, Iraq.

Both Marines were assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During OIF their unit is attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Pfc. Matthew L. Bertolino, 20, of Hampstead, N.H., died Feb. 9, when the vehicle he was traveling in was involved in a rollover while operating as part of a combat patrol near Jalalabad, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

The accident is currently under investigation.

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Spc. Roberto L. Martinez Salazar, 21, of Long Beach, Calif., died in Mosul, Iraq on Feb. 4, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his up-armored HMMWV during patrol operations. Martinez Salazar was assigned to Company A, 14th Engineer Battalion, 555th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Spc. Allen D. Kokesh Jr., 21, of Yankton, S. D., died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 7 of injuries sustained in Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 4 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Kokesh was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, Yankton, S. D.

Cpl. Brandon S. Schuck, 21, of Safford, Ariz., died Feb. 6 from an improvised explo-

sive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Baghdadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Jacob D. Spann, 21, of Columbus, Ohio, died Feb. 6 from wounds sustained as a result of an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Hit, Iraq. He was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Steven L. Phillips, 27, of Chesapeake, Va., died Feb. 7 from a non-hostile vehicle accident while conducting combat operations against enemy forces near Al Qaim, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The accident is under investigation.

Cpl. Orville Gerena, 21, of Virginia
Beach, Va.

Lance Cpl. David S. Parr, 22, of Benson, N.C.

Both Marines died Feb. 6 from an im-

provised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Hit, Iraq. They were assigned to Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. Patrick W. Herried, 29, of Sioux Falls, S.D., died in Rawah, Iraq, on Feb. 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Stryker military vehicle during patrol operations. Herried was assigned to the Army's 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Petty Officer 3rd Class John T. Fralish, 30, of New Kingstown, Pa., died Feb. 6, when enemy forces opened fire on a U.S. patrol northwest of Methar Lam in Laghman Province, Afghanistan. Fralish was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division Detachment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Spc. Sergio A. Mercedes Saez, 23, of New York, N.Y., died in Baghdad, Iraq on Feb. 5, when the HMMWV in which he was riding accidentally rolled over into a canal. Mercedes Saez was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. 1st Class Lance S. Cornett, 33, of London, Ky., died in the vicinity of Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on Feb. 3, of injuries sustained earlier that day while engaging enemy forces. Cornett was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

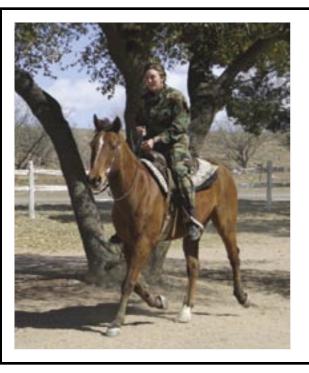
Two soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died in Al Husayniyah, Iraq on Feb. 5, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their Stryker Engineer Squad Vehicle. Both soldiers were assigned to the 562nd Engineer Company, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Killed were:

Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Morningstar, 27, of San Antonio, Texas.

Sgt. Jeremiah J. Boehmer, 22, of Parkston, S.D.

1st. Lt. Simon T. Cox, Jr., 30, of Texas, died in Taji, Iraq, on Feb. 2, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M2A3 Bradley. Cox was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.



Get away, right away, at Buffalo Corral

Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables offers one by the hour. Riding lessons are offered for all skill way to escape from the stress of everyday living, and it's located here on Fort Huachuca.

Due to comfortable weather conditions, this is a good time of year to enjoy horseback riding on scenic trails

Nestled in the foothills of the Huachuca Mountains, Buffalo Corral offers a historic backdrop for a variety of riding experiences including trail rides, open riding, riding lessons, birthday parties, overnight rides, horse leasing, holiday rides, plus a private mount boarding

Buffalo Corral rents horses to groups or individuals,

Left, an Advanced Individual Training student enjoys the sunny, weekend weather during a ride at the Photo courtesy of MWR

levels. The corral can set up a trail ride to individual specifications. People can plan a two-hour ride, a day-long ride or an overnight ride.

March 13, 14, 16 and 17, the corral will offer special, one-hour "Spring Break Trail Rides" for everyone. Call for specific times and information.

The corral is open to the public 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday - Sunday. Authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons can enjoy the corral's services at reduced rates. Open riding is available during regular hours.

Guided weekend trail rides are offered 9 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Registration and pre-payment are required at least 24 hours in advance.

For more information, call 533-5220.

Make reservations now for 'Parents' Night Out'

Reservations are being taken now through Tuesday at the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center for "Parents Night Out."

"Parents Night Out" gives parents the opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves, knowing that their children are safe and secure.

Child and Youth Services will offer child care, from 6 to 10 p.m., Mar. 4 at the New Beginnings Child Development Center.

The cost is \$3 per hour for the first child and \$2.50 per hour for each additional child. Reservations and registration are required.

For more information or to register, call the CER Office at 533-0738.

BB, VB courts at Eifler FC closed

The basketball and volleyball courts at Eifler Fitness Center are closed for resurfacing now through Feb. 23.

For more information, call Mick Gue at 533-

Register for Little League Baseball

Registration for the Fort Huachuca Little League Baseball Program, for youth 5-14, is now in progress and will continue through Mar. 15, at the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community

Cost is \$40 for one child and \$32 for each additional child. For more information, call Youth Sports at 533-3205 or the CER Office at 533-8168.

Come join the Mardi Gras fun!

Time Out is throwing a Mardi Gras Party, from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., Feb. 24.

There will be munchies and beverages, prepared

with a Mardi Gras theme. Carnival party favors will be given at the door. DJ Slim will provide the music.

Everyone is encouraged to dress in costume. A costume contest will be judged by the audience, and two winners will receive \$25 gift certificates.

Admission is free before 11 p.m. After 11 p.m., there will be a \$6 cover charge. For more information, call 533-3802.

TMAC hosts bingo four days a week

Get ready to yell "bingo," as the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre hosts this long-time favorite game at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and at 12:45 p.m., Sunday.

Snacks and light meals are available, and choices vary from hamburger baskets to quesadillas to chef salads. Players can also enjoy complimentary coffee during the games.

The bingo program offers a choice of paper cards or electronic handsets. First-time bingo players are always welcome at TMAC.

Be sure to take advantage of the "frequent bingo player program." Buy 10 large bingo packets and the 11th is free. Or, buy 10 medium bingo packets and the 11th is free.

For more information, call 533-3802.

Children's classes at MWR Arts Center

The MWR Arts Center regularly offers a wide variety of classes including the "Little Hands" arts and crafts program for children 5 - 12, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Cost of this program is \$6 per class or \$10 for two classes.

"Kids' Thursday" classes, for children 3 - 10 are held 3 - 5 p.m., Thursdays. Cost of the program is \$7.50 per child and all materials are included. Preregistration is required.

Several adult classes are also offered each month, including cake decorating, framing and matting, and jewelry fabrication. For a complete list of classes, stop in at the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008, Arizona

For more information or to register, call Riki Tarquinio at 533-2015.

Adult lifeguard class starts March 11

The Sports and Fitness branch of MWR will offer a lifeguard class for those 15 and older, March 11-19 at Barnes Indoor Pool. The class is open to the public, and sign-up is going on now through the first day of class.

Cost of the class will be \$150. Students who successfully complete the class will receive lifeguard, oxygen administration and automated external defibrillator certification, first aid, and CPR for the professional rescuer.

For more information or to register, call Ron Ellsworth at 533-3858.

ITR has tickets for Renaissance Fest.

The MWR Information, Tickets and Reservations Office has tickets available for the 18th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival being held weekends through April 2, at Apache Junction, Ariz. Save money by purchasing discounted tickets at ITR. Adult tickets are available for \$17.50 and children's tickets are \$5.50.

Tickets for upcoming events at the Tucson Convention Center are also available at ITR, including: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5, Riverdance; March 3 - 5, U.S. Hot Rods Monster Jam; Mar. 14, Allison Krauss and Union Station; and Mar. 14 - 19, "Dr. Doolittle." TCC tickets are available to purchase 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. only.

Make vacation plans now for the upcoming spring break. ITR can help.

For more information, call 533-2404 or visit the ITR Office, Building 70914, Irwin Street. The facility is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday.

Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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Youth Wrestling Club begins season

By Thom Williams

Scout Staff

The Fort Huachuca Scorpions, a youth wrestling club, is preparing to launch a new season of Greco-Roman and Freestyle wrestling.

The club is open to boys and girls from first grade to seniors in high school.

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring the programs. Athletes can register at the Central Registration Office at the Murr Community Center. A current physical verification form and birth certificate are required at the time of registration.

Practices are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at Murr Community Center with plans to add Friday practices later in the season.

Once team membership reaches a certain number, the youth will be broken into two squads. The beginners will practice from 5-6:30 p.m. while the older, more experienced wrestlers will practice from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"For the kids who have not wrestled before, we are going to start with the basics, single-leg,



John Rivera, head coach of the Fort Huachuca Scorpions, a youth wrestling club, instructs wrestlers Corey Patterson (left) and Jonah O'Sullivan. The club enables athletes to get more mat time once scholastic wrestling season wraps up to get the youths more experience.

double-leg, [takedowns] half-nelsons--really the basic stuff," said John Rivera, head coach of the Fort Huachuca Scorpions.

For the older, more experienced

wrestlers, Rivera hopes to build their experience and skill so they can compete with wrestlers from clubs in Arizona's metropolitan areas. The Scorpions are part of USA Wrestling in what Rivera described as a "Little League" for the sport of international-style wrestling throughout the U.S. The club enables athletes to get more mat time once scholastic wrestling wraps up its season.

The head coach is hoping to put the building blocks in place to help build a wrestling dynasty at Buena High School and bring a state wrestling title to the area.

Rivera said he is willing to accept youth onto the team at any point in the season.

Rivera plans to travel to Phoenix and Tucson for 10 USA Wrestling tournaments that are slated for Saturdays from March until the end of May.

The Mar. 11 tournament is scheduled to be the qualifier for the Arizona state team with wrestlers who finish in the top three slots getting a shot at a national title.

Rivera has wrestled since he was five years old and has 16 years of competitive experience.

Cards, gifts impact troop morale

Army & Air Force Exchange Service news release

In light of recent reports concerning troop support, it goes without saying that those who have bravely volunteered to serve in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom need America's support now more than ever before.

Since troops deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom in the fall of 2001, the American public has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on stickers and magnets with messages of support. In contrast, critical phone support programs that connect deployed troops with their families have

received only a fraction of this attention.

"It's great to let your friends and neighbors know you support the troops, but it's important to let those in uniform doing the job on the ground know as well," said Army & Air Force Exchange Service Chief of Communication Lt. Col. Debra Pressley.

Today, any American can make a tangible impact on the morale of deployed troops by sending a Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone card or a PX/BX gift certificate through one of two Department of Defense-approved AAFES programs, "Gifts from the Home-

front" and "Help Our Troops Call Home."

"Both of these efforts are designed to bridge the gap between the front lines and the home front with either the gift of communication or American products," said Lt. Col. Debra Pressley, AAFES chief of communication. "Either method has proven to temporarily transport troops from a war zone to a comfort zone."

The gift certificate program, dubbed "Gifts from the Homefront," allows troops to purchase a wide variety of products at any of more than 50 PX/BX stores in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Reports from Iraq

indicate that the "Gifts from the Homefront" are regularly redeemed for snack foods, cool drinks and electronics.

"Help Our Troops Call
Home" provides Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone
cards that offer up to three hours
of calling from the contingency
theater to the United States. In
December alone, troops spent
more than 16 million minutes
calling home at 71 call centers
located in and around Operations
Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"Everyone likes to talk to their family during holidays," said Pressley. "Partnering with the American public to help facilitate that communication is the least we can do."

"Help Our Troops Call Home" Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone cards are available by logging on to www.aafes.org or calling 800-527-2345. "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates can also be sent through www.aafes. org or toll free at 877-770-4438. From there, purchasers may send the phone card or PX/BX gift certificate to individual Soldiers, airmen, sailors or Marines (designated by the purchaser) or to "any service member" by choosing to have it distributed through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, Fisher House, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence® or USO.

Arizona Tourist-

Let's get ready to rodeo

Scout Reports

The sport of rodeo has been a tradition in the United States since restless civil war veterans first began pushing herds of cattle to railheads and mining camps across this country. Many historians cite the first organized competition as occurring in Arizona at around this time period.

With active imaginations and little to

do, frontier cowboys looked for ways to entertain themselves. Like young men of all generations, peers would swagger and goad one anther into acts of bravado. This competition honed the skills they practiced every day on the job, but was also a test of their professionalism and a rite of passage for the newly initiated.

The tradition of Arizona rodeo is alive

and kicking today.

The Tucson Rodeo will celebrate the 81st meeting by once again hosting the annual La Fiesta De Los Vaqueros on Saturday through February 26. The professional rodeo enlists about 700 contestants from the United States and Canada competing for more than \$275,000 in prize money. The Tucson Rodeo is the first major outdoor event on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association schedule and gives visitors an opportunity to see

real-life cowboys and cowgirls display their ability in the only sport in the world developed from work skills.

Rodeo today consists of two types of events, rough stock and timed. Contestants' scores depend equally on their performance as well as that of the animals in the rough stock events. These consist of bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding. The second category of

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Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown: Sierra Vista turns 50 in 14 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout", February 16, 1956

World War II Veteran Returns to Army; CAP-TURED ON CORREGIDOR BY JAPANESE, FILIPINO COOK ESCAPED TO FIGHT AGAIN

Private First Class Rafael Ramos Sarmiento is a tireless man of many passions. He enjoys a love of life, loyalty to service, benevolence for his fellow man, an unceasing devotion to his motherless sons, and an undying faith in God.

A small man by western standards, the five-foot one-inch Filipino weighs only 117 pounds - even after devouring a substantial Army meal.

But warm and tasty diets weren't always on his menu.

In the Philippines

When the Japanese threatened the Philippines in 1941, patriots armed to fight the oppression. For Rafael, it was the unfortunate opportunity to practice skills learned since his entrance into the Army in 1932.

Life in battle is not the easiest life, and Rafael soon found himself adjusting to situations totally different from anything he had known before. The blank shells of training were replaced by real bullets; the umpires by death. Each living moment was a challenge for life itself. One unlucky break or one careless mistake was his last.

The deck ran cold for Rafael. A baker on Bataan, he managed to find temporary safety as he retreated to Corregidor where he worked in a machine gun nest.

"Soon," he recalls, "we heard the sad words of General Wainwright, 'Put down your arms, destroy all arms, and march to the Japanese where you will be prisoners of war."

It was at Capas Tarlac where the big break for escape came.

Finds Cutters

Returning to the disease-ridden 23rd Compound from a 15-man grass cutting detail, he noticed a wire cutter lying near the base of a telephone pole.

He picked up the clippers and flung them in nearby brush.

The Japanese threatened to kill the man who stole the tool. One by one, time and time again, the prisoners stripped and were searched. The tool was never found by the enemy.

Retrieves cutters

That midnight, Rafael crept out and retrieved the wire cutters. He buried them in a hole in the compound and waited for a certain lax guard to walk his post.

It was a long wait.

The night of liberation came on June 24, 1942. Rafael crept up on the sentry and clubbed him to death. He switched clothes, walked to the guard post, and returned to cut a path to freedom through the maze of barbed wire.

"Anybody could escape if they wanted to," he says. "And they all ran out like flies. It is very difficult to live and work a hard day on just a handful of rice."

Whipped Unconscious

"If they disliked you, it was horrible. And they did not like me. Because they thought I was a guerrilla, they

hung me by the feet and whipped me until I passed out.

"God smiled on me, he said. "And, I somehow lived."

Once he escaped, he hid and met a shipment of arms at Batangas. The trip was a battle all the way.

Switched to Cooking

He then made his way to Bouganville on a Navy Q-boat. He rejoined the Army lines in 1945 and set out to liberate his native islands. He served as a gun crewman with the 45th Anti Aircraft Artillery and later as a light weapons infantryman. After ten months of traveling on his stomach, he became an Army cook.

Rafael saw and felt the devastation of war. Though he hated the stench, anxiety and heartaches of death, he was tapped by its stony hand in 1950 when his wife, Rafaela, died.

Rafael was honorably discharged from the service as a Technician Fourth Class (the World War II equivalent for Specialist Third Class) in May 1947. He returned to his hometown of Idang, Cavite.

Old Urge

He worked for two years as a chef for the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, but found his desire to cook for appreciative soldiers was insatiable.

His deep brown eyes smiled as he took the oath of allegiance at Fort Ord, California March 27, 1955.

He arrived at Fort Huachuca's 14th Signal Company on May 12, 1955 and immediately started on his job of feeding hungry troops.

"His appetite for work is amazing, "Capt. Odell E. Fearn, Rafael's Company Commander exclaims. "Pappasan (an oriental term of endearment) is truly a remarkable person and a fine soldier."

"Dragged" to Ranch

His work and his sons, Elipidio, 13, and Eduardo, 10, are his basic interests in life. "He's a hard man to slow down," Capt. Fearns adds. "We almost had to drag him off to a five-day rest period at the Post's dude ranch. He liked it out there but couldn't wait to get back to cook for the men."

Private First Class Rafael Ramos Sarmiento is a small man by western physical standards but his eyes have seen much and his heart and his body have felt much. His is the experience which guides Army men toward the ends of giving true and vital support to national defense.

Hydrosource helps Fort Huachuca vegetation survive

By Joan Vasey

Scout Staff

In a desert environment, water is liquid gold. Fort Huachuca in implements many programs to conserve this valuable resource. The most recent is use of Hydrosource in new landscaping projects.

Hydrosource, a cross-linked polyacrylamide, is a long-lasting, water-absorbing soil amendment that looks similar to salt when dry. When hydrated, the granules look like chunks of gelatin about one-half inch in diameter, according to the Web site www.jersey-flea-market.com/hydroscource. htm.

One pound of Hydro-

source will absorb 20-48 gallons of water, depending on the water's salt content. Mixed with soil before installation of landscaping plants, its use reduces watering frequency, a conservation measure.

Frank Hammond, forester, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Directorate of Public Works, plans to use the material in landscapes around new housing built here. Currently, there's a 50-percent mortality rate in trees in Fort Huachuca's developed areas due to combination of arid climate and long-term drought. Additionally, many older trees on the installation are not native to Arizona but are species typical of wetter climes. Hammond hopes the combined use of Hydrosource and drought-tolerant vegetation in future landscaping projects will lead to greater plant survivability and enhanced quality of life for post housing residents.

"Some species of trees need lots of water and transpire hundreds of gallons into the air every day. Without sufficient water, these species typically don't do well in an arid environment under drought conditions," Hammond said.

"By planting native vegetation in Hydrosource-treated soil, plants have a better chance to get established and survive."



Each grain of hydrosource is approximately the size and weight of a grain of sand when dry. Add water, and the grains expand. They can expand as much as 50 times their original size and resemble chunks of gelatin



Twins march through life, Army together

Photo and story by Brandy Ruiz

Scout Staff

Ever wonder what it's like to grow up with someone, go to college with them and then go through Basic Training with them? The Walkers understand how that feels

They're twins.

For Calista and Cassandra Walker of Company F, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, their whole lives have been about being together.

"We've only spent seven days apart from each other in our entire lives," explained Cassandra for the both of them.

Although Calista gets to speak her fair share, Cassandra is the more talkative and outgoing of the two. She's usually the one who answers all the questions and finishes her identical twin sister's sentences.



Twins, Spec. Cassandra Walker (left) and Calista Walker (right), do pushups as their drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Ronald Levi, looks on.

The twins' military career almost began right after high school. However, their parents sat them down and expressed the importance of a college degree, which they could always fall back on should their careers not work out.

So off to college they went – together.

The girls attended the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and both of them majored in criminal justice. They had separate minors, though. Cassandra minored in computer information systems, while Calista minored in psychology.

It was around the time of their sophomore year in college that Cassandra and Calista began thinking about their careers. They applied for jobs with the Secret Service and with the Pittsburgh City Police Departments. They were accepted in both jobs, but they still had to finish college.

They finally graduated last May and opted to enlist in the Army. They did have the option to get commissioned, but "we wanted to start from the bottom," they said. They enlisted for the 97E interrogator military occupational specialty. With a background in criminal justice, they figured this was the next logical step.

Both girls agreed that basic training was a lot of fun. They were in the same company but in separate platoons, so when they tried to swap places in formation, they got caught before they could even make the swap.

"Walkers, what are y'all doing?" they said their drill sergeant yelled. And they were busted!

After basic training, the twins arrived here and have been "hold-unders" ever since. With the 97E course being full, they have to wait until March to get started. In the meantime, they are busy with military details, being team leaders and squad leaders, and just enjoying life.

Being in leadership positions is something of

importance to the Walkers. "We keep people going. We're just silly," they said smiling.

Although the Army keeps the girls on a schedule, the girls do have some things they schedule on their own.

"We call our mom every morning at 5:02 a.m.," they explain. The girls are getting ready for physical training, and their mom is on her way to work. "We just call to check on her."

And the Pittsburgh Steelers? The girls have made it a habit to call home during every game after every good play.

Home is where their family is and where all their old friends still remain. It goes without saying, though, that if someone becomes friends with one of them, they automatically become friends with the other.

"We're a package deal," said Calista.

For their drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Ronald Levi, having twins in his platoon came as somewhat of a surprise

"It wasn't until about a week into it that I realized I had twins in my platoon," he said.

As a joke, he has sworn to repay the girls with all the horrible things his older twin sisters did to him growing up.

"I have twin older sisters," he said. "All the things they did to me as a kid, I'm gonna' repay them (the Walkers) with it."

Levi said those things jokingly, because he knows what an asset these twins are. With them in leadership positions and with them motivated 24/7, "it makes the platoon more motivated."

For now, the girls are awaiting their chance to start class. Once that happens, they will be moved to a different platoon, with a different drill sergeant. Then the Army will move them to a duty station. Hopefully, their first station will be the same. They know, though, that they are appreciative of everything Levi and Company F, 309th MI Bn. has helped them with, and that they will remember them.

"You always remember your first set of twins," they said

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PTSD discussion group

Army Community Service will hold a discussion group concerning post traumatic stress disorder at 6 p.m., Feb. 21 at the ACS Building 50010.

PTSD is a psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experience or witnessing of life-threatening events.

Register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Black/African-American Month tribute and "soul food" meal

11th Signal Brigade Military Equal Opportunity Office will present "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social, and Civic Institutions", from 10:30z to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 22, at the Cochise Theater.

The tribute includes information displays, a poetry reading, a Step Show demonstration and reflections of history. Following, the Thunder Bird Dining Facility will offer soul food from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meal card holders eat for free. The price for E-1 and above is \$3.55. Dependants of E-4 and below eat for \$3.05, and dependants of E-5 and above for \$3.55. DA civilians pay \$3.55.

Commimssary scholarships for military children

The Fort Huachuca Commissary is accepting scholarship applications through Feb. 21. Scholarships for \$1,500 will be awarded to college-bound students or those already in college. Applicants must be valid military identification card holders, enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Report-

ing System as military dependents and be 23 or younger.

Along with the completed application form, a student must submit a letter of recommendation from school, a copy of the school transcript, and an essay of 500 or fewer words on this subject: "If you could meet one great military leader present date or historical, who would it be, and why"?

Applications are available at the commissary or on the Web site at www.commissaries.com.

For information, call Mendez at 533-5540, ext. 3101.

Weekend and Holiday Clinic

The Weekend Holiday Access Clinic hours have changed. The hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends and Federal holidays. The WHAC is designed to serve Active Duty and family members for acute minor illness and injuries only.

Fort welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to Fort Huachuca. The Huachuca Welcome - newcomer's orientations - is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday at Murr Community Center. A tour of the post is provided

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

FHCSC scholarship applications now available

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and adults in continuing education.

Scholarship applications are available now at the high school guidance counselors' offices or at the Fort Huachuca Post Library, the Sierra Vista Public Library, the Fort Huachuca Education Center, and at the financial aid offices of Cochise College and the University of Arizona South in Sierra Vista

Application submission deadline is March 17. Mail applications to FHCSC, P.O. Box 12202, Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85670. For scholastic, citizenship and military-affiliation requirements, or for further information, call 417-0220.

Free kids club at the mall

Club Noggin a free, Nickelodeon-affiliated educational program for children 3-6, will hold an instructional/interactive play session on Saturday from 10 - 11 a.m. outside Dillard's in The Mall at Sierra Vista. Activities include learning about the earth and sky, exploring music and sounds and identifying relationships and patterns. Participants should arrive at least 10 minutes early. Gates to the activity area close at 10:05 a.m. For information contact Cristal Rivera, marketing coordinator at 452-0011

Public invited to meet local author

The Friends of the Sierra Vista Public Library continue their "Meet the Author" series on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Richard Shelton, author of "Going Back to Bisbee," will be available for a question-and-answer session in the Mona Bishop Room at the Library. Refreshments will be served.

Questions about the series should be directed to Sierra Vista Public Library, at 458-4225.

Golfers – Scramble at FHCSC

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club will host a golf scramble March 4. It will be a four-man event with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at the mountain View Golf Course here.

The event is open to the public. Registration is \$50 per person. Golfers may register at the Mountain View Golf Course, or contact Beth Ritchey at 439-4402 or ritcheyb@aol. com.

Scholastic clay target program

Local youth shotgun team, the Huachuca Hot-Shots, is currently signing up youths in grades five-12. Anyone interested is invited to learn to safely shoot a shotgun on Saturday at the Sportsman Center. Registration for new youth begins at 2 p.m., with instruction from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. The shoot for current team members will run from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. This bi-monthly shoot will be held under the supervision of certified instructors.

Ammunition, shotguns, clay targets, and hearing and eye protection will be provided to participants for free. A parent, counselor or guardian must attend, and youths must bring a hat or cap. Adults are encouraged to participate, and should bring a cap, eye and hearing protection for themselves. For current participants who wish to continue in the program, there is a \$25.00 registration fee.

For more information contact Rene Dube at 378-6864.

Pets Of The Week



Pickles is an approximately 10-month old, loving, handsome black and white "tuxedo" cat. Courtesy photo from <u>petfinder.com.</u>



Gracie's pictures do her no justice! She is a Dalmation and still a pup and is energetic and loving. Courtesy photo from <u>petfinder.com</u>.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:



Today -7 p.m.
The Ringer

PG-13

<u>Friday</u>

Casanova

Saturday -7 p.m.

Grandma's Boy

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Sunday -2 p.m.

Hoodwinked

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Monday - Wednesday

Close

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



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competition is the timed events. Timed events include steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, barrel racing and steer roping. In these events constants race the clock to see who can complete the events fastest.

The Tucson Rodeo Parade celebrates the opening of the competition. This traditional gathering remains one of finest displays of Tucson's Old West heritage and will be held on February 23. Two hundred floats are entered each year.

The western-themed floats and buggies, historic horse-drawn coaches, festive Mexican folk dancers, marching bands and outfitted riders draw crowds exceeding 200,000 people. Fort Huachuca's B-Troop will also participate in the procession which is billed as the world's longest non-motorized parade.

The route begins at Park Avenue and Ajo Way, continues south to Irvington Road, then heads west on Irvington Road to South 6th Avenue. Grandstands for

viewing are located on Irvington at South 6th Avenue. Grandstand tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Viewing along both sides of the route, which stretches just over a mile, is available at no charge.

For more information on the Tucson Rodeo Parade, call (520) 294-1280 or log on to www.tucsonrodeoparade.com. For information about rodeo ticket prices and events call (800) 964-5662 or visit www.tucsonrodeo.com



Photo by Esau Lolis

General Myer Elementary School construction

Construction of the new General Myer Elementary School is 75 percent finished and is on schedule for completion in late June. Students will leave the 50-year-older elementary school to begin classes in the new school in August. Currently, roofing materials are being installed and, once complete, more interior construction will begin. The \$8 million, 57,000-square-foot school will accommodate 450 students.

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